THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Unit Trust of India (UTI) is not required to seek Government approval for its investment/divestment decisions. Such decisions are made on the basis of UTI's own commercial judgement.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Co-operative banks in rural areas

527. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of banks/cooperative banks functioning in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh along with the details of the total deposit and working capital of each bank; district-wise;

(b) the details of farmers, artisans and unemployed educated youth benefited by the aforesaid bank during the last three years; and

(c) the details of loans disbursed by the banks/cooperative banks in these State to the needy persons such as artisans, farmers and unemployed educated youths during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) District wise details of number of branch offices and deposits of scheduled commercial banks in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal, Jharkhand, Chhatisgarh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh as on last Friday of September 2001 as available from Reserve Bank of India are given Annexure. [*See* Appendix 195 Annexure No. 5] District-wise details of deposits and working capital of District Central Cooperative Banks for the above States as on 31st March 2000 are given in *Annexure-[Seé* Appendix 195 Annexure No. 6]

(b) and (c) The details of credit sanctioned and disbursed by scheduled commercial banks under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana as well as the total loan sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are given, in *Annexure*-[*See* Appendix 195 Annexure No. 7 and 8]. Information separately for Uttranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are not available.